

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED LITTLE TOTS ARE MADE HAPPY AT THE MALIHINI CHRISTMAS TREE

Right Christmas Sun
Shone Down On
Happy Throng,

Twenty-five hundred children, representing a score of nationalities, but with a common Santa Claus and but one idea in mind, filed past the Malihini Christmas Tree on Christmas morning and departed each laden with presents. There were things for everyone and to spare and enough left over for glorious scramble for oranges by the girls and for baseballs by the boys. Not a hitch came in the handling of the thousands of children, the passing out of the biggest thousand dollars' worth ever purchased of toys and dolls and books and popcorn and peanuts and candies and a dozen other things, and not a accident to mar the day. The affair



SOME OF THOSE WHO WAITED
FOR SANTA CLAUS.



SNAPSHOTS AT MALIHINI
CHRISTMAS TREE



was a bright and happy success for those who gave and for those who received.

It was about nine o'clock when the children from all over the city commenced gathering at the children's playground, at the corner of Smith and Beretania street, where already there were busy workers unpacking boxes, setting up tables, decorating a real Christmas tree and otherwise preparing for the deluge. The Hawaiian band, led by Captain Berger, alternated in supplying music with Kani's combined orchestra, the numbers of the latter grouped about the glistening Christmas tree. Forty Boy Scouts, headed by Commissioner Wilder, busied themselves in guarding the lines drawn to hold back spectators and in taking charge of the children as they streamed into the grounds and lining these up in great serpentine rows the length of the field, and it was no easy task to keep the excited children in check when they could see waiting for them the twelve tables piled high with all the samples from Santa Claus' warehouse.

Overhead, from a clear blue sky, the Christmas sun smiled kindly, bringing out to the best advantage the glitter of the tinsel on the tree, brightening the soft white of the gowns worn by the society ladies, who smiled their pleasure in the event of which they had a part; reflecting the joys of anticipation that gleamed from thousands of happy little faces; and adding its part to the riot of color throughout the gathering, where each little girl appeared in her gayest and brightest kimono, holoku, jacket and trousers or dress. It was a gathering of nations to form a human kaleidoscope, while the music, laughter, singing and shouts of joy were never ceasing.

Welcomed by Judge Dole.

Promptly at ten o'clock Judge Sanford B. Dole welcomed the children to the fifth Malihini Christmas Tree and complimented the members of the committee in charge for the success that was evident. He told the little ones that some of those who had themselves stood in line at the first Malihini Tree were among the contributors to this one and urged them to carry that lesson in their heart. The coming of the Christ Child on the first Christmas was related in understandable language and something of the meaning of Christmas explained.

The Boy Scouts led in cheers for Judge Dole at the conclusion of the address and then the first of the living lines moved forward. Past the tables each little one carrying a twenty-pound paper bag, the procession moved, with the frantic mothers of lost babies and

came by Santa Claus in person, with plenty to reassure timid ones who whirled at the sight of Santa's bright red costume and flowing whiskers and who decided that gifts were too dear if secured at the price of hearing that strange man.

Two Hours of Giving.

For nearly two hours that solid line of children filed onto the field, each unit receiving his or her gifts and then rushing away to examine and gloat. The shouts of joy rose in ever-widening treble chorus, competing with a million blasts from a thousand horns. Steadily and cheerfully the assistants to Santa Claus worked, although the Christmas sun grew too direct for comfort long before the last lot was escorted and the last child had been attended to and although the labor of searching out and the frantic mothers of lost babies and

the handling of thousands of apples, oranges, boxes of candy and packages of popcorn and peanuts did bring muscle ache. The heat and the weariness were compensated for by the waves of bliss that pulsed from every corner of that Malihini Christmas Tree crowd and engulfed young and old, rich and poor alike. Enthusiasm never lagged an instant until the end.

Tourists Delighted.

A large number of tourists were present at the Honolulu Christmas tree and it is safe to say that the memory of Wednesday's morning's event will be among those most cherished of the visit to Hawaii. Prominent among the "on-lookers" taking an active part in the Christmas morning affair, was Mrs. Turner, best known to the world as Miss Maud Powell, the famous violinist. "Nowhere else in the world could

you see anything like it," she exclaimed, as she watched the little ones of the twenty-seven varieties swarming about her. Miss Powell entered into the spirit of the occasion with a vim, becoming for the time being a member of Kani's orchestra and playing an ukulele while Kani sang. With ukulele in hand, in the midst of the Hawaiian musicians, she also posed for moving pictures.

H. K. Bonine was on hand with his picture machine and secured a motionless film of young Hawaii in full action and of Santa Claus at the tropics, a film that will travel about the world. Many scenic photographers, professional and amateur, were also on hand and the number of pictures taken of the varying phases of the event ran up into the hundreds.

Useful Scouts.

THANKS FROM THE KOREANS.

The above (which may or may not be right side up) is a reproduction of a letter of thanks sent to the Malihini Christmas Tree committee by the parents of the Korean children who were given presents.

Particularly worthy of comment was the excellent manner in which the Boy Scouts assisted. The full force of the Honolulu Scouts was out, some forty in all, and much of the smoothness with which the event was held was due to the excellent work of the disciplined youths in preserving the lines, handling the children up to the time when they filed before the tree, keeping back the sometimes too eager spectators and in "spotting" repeaters. The boys behaved like veterans, jumped at the word of command to carry out orders and generally demonstrated their usefulness. It was a pleasure to see the youngsters at work and general praise was heard of them during the morning.

Thanks to All.

The Children's Playground proved itself a splendid place for the holding of the Malihini Tree, the grounds being roomy and so laid out as to be most convenient to those having the handling of the crowd in hand. The committee desires to thank the playground committee for the use of the park for the occasion and also renders thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Mackenzie, who placed their Beretania-avenue mission rooms at the disposal of the committee and otherwise helped in the success.

THANKS FROM FILIPINO CHILDREN.

Filipino Mission, Honolulu, December 26, 1912.
Ti Comite ti Malihini Christmas Tree, Honolulu, T. H.
Paganamunni unay nga Comitee—Iti nagfirmu iti babaeen toy, yawatna ti dackel unay nga panagayaman iti comite ti naisao nga Christmas Tree, agsipud ta dagiti sumagmamano nga Filipinos nga ubbing nairamanda met iti ginalda nga insaganayo, ket agyamanami iti dackel unay cadagiti naayat nga gagayem nga nangpanda iti naisao nga sagut cadagiti napang-lao nga ubbing.
Dagiti ubbing a Filipinos adda iti adayo manapud iti daga nga nacyaenda, ket naladingna no eua, ket casta, ti sagut nga inawatda iti nacyaragsac nga Cayoyo, a sagut, ihilang co nga mayasa nga maeated iti liolioda.
Agyamanami unay ta nacyaragsac nga babasit nga keote nga tatnao nga nacyaman iti sagutyo. Tay Sidadaya.
BENITO I. ILUSTRE, Pastor.

So many contributed of money, time and effort to complete the affair that an enumeration is impossible. The fact that the Malihini Tree of 1912 was the biggest and most successful of the series to date is probably satisfaction enough for each of those who helped.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all prudent authorities say be wary of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Henss, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.



WHO LOST A BOY?
"Palama" Rath holding up a "lost" boy at the Malihini Tree in order that he might be spied by the mother. Several babies were thus exhibited during the morning.

MAYOR TO LEAD SIDEWALK BALL

Special Celebration for New
Year's Eve Will Be a
Great Affair.

Mayor Fern wrote a letter to the special New Year's Eve celebration committee of the merchants' association yesterday, to the effect that he would join in the festivities on New Year's Eve at Bishop Square and do all he could to make the affair a success.

The committee's chairman, Julius Unger, takes this statement by His Honor to mean that he will lead the grand march for the sidewalk ball as planned, and thus have the distinction of starting off the first Grand New Year's Eve Annual Mayor's Ball which this, or any other city, has ever seen danced on a cement sidewalk in the open air, especially in the middle of winter.

Something of the same plan of illumination will be followed on New Year's Eve as was done on Christmas Eve, only more so. Besides the strings of lights woven through the trees and along Bishop street, it is probable that there will be a great searchlight to write with in the sky and on the background of green hills.

And another thing which the members of the committee are giving out—in confidence—is the advice that all the ladies who attend the ball will kindly wear white dresses: it will take better in a flashlight photograph, also it will accentuate the summer weather of midwinter in Honolulu.

Altogether things are booming along in fine shape for a great night on December 31, the last day of the old year, and the chances are that the celebration will be as much of a success as that of Christmas Eve, and then some. The Hawaiian band, under the leadership of Captain Berger, and the famous First Infantry Band will play in Bishop Square, first the Hawaiian band and then the First Infantry Band. The music will only end at midnight, when the screech of whistles and the blowing of horns will announce that 1913 has come to stay with us for just one year.

BORN.

WILLIAMS—In Honolulu, December 26, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, a son.

ROBERTSON—In Honolulu, Christmas Day, December 25, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Robertson, a daughter.

MARRIED.

PANIELIAN-ST. GEORGE—In Honolulu, December 25, 1912, Miss Anita Irene Panuelian, to E. W. P. St. George, both of this city. Census and solicited.